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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
John W. Clapper, Jr. : Confirmation No. 3436  
Serial No. 10/786,295 : Examiner Alicia M Torres  
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For **GRAPPLING ARM ASSEMBLY WITH** :  
**LATCHING MEANS**

**COMMUNICATION**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Patent Office communication of November 2, 2007, Applicant requests reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1 through 16 in view of the following remarks.